

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**June 2011 – Week 3**

**Air Date: June 12 – June 18 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: THE BRAZOS IS RISING**

JUNE 1899 AND TRAGEDY BEGINS WITH A RAINDROP.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 17, 1899. ALONG THE BRAZOS RIVER. IT BEGAN SIMPLY ENOUGH.

A STORM FRONT STALLS IN WEST TEXAS AND IT STARTS TO RAIN.

AND KEEPS RAINING... FOR ELEVEN DAYS.

THE BRAZOS RIVER BECOMES A RAGING TORRENT, FLOODING OVER 12,000 SQUARE MILES. AT HEARNE, IN ROBERTSON COUNTY, THEY REPORT 34 INCHES – ALMOST THREE FEET – OF RAIN. NO ONE KNOWS HOW HIGH THE RIVER IS – THE FLOOD GAUGES ARE UNDERWATER.

THE FLOOD CAUSES \$9 MILLION IN DAMAGE, LEAVES THOUSANDS HOMELESS AND KILLS 284. MANY SAY IT IS THE WORST FLOOD EVER.

THE BRAZOS FLOOD OF 1899 STARTED 112 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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